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Sports Albany High celebrates hoop win over Kennedy [C1]

Arts Look no further than Down Home for a free live music performance [C3]



UNTEER KATIE BONACINI, 15 of Oakland, puts a coat of paint on the stage floor at the Contra Costa Civic Theater in El Cerrito at a

olunteers spiff up El Cerrito theater



Kensington may restrict construction

support for limiting home additions, but town must first raise \$30,000 to fund environmental report

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Jim Car
an, the chair of a committee
lat reviews proposed home
lodifications, could see pretty

See RESTRICT. Page A8

Memorial Park goes to top of Albany list

plan of parks upgrades to be funded by November bond measure

By Alan Lopez

ALBANY — The City Council has agreed to move forward with Memorial Park improvements and the creation of a parks master plan after the passage of a \$14.5 million bond measure in

C OKs road repairs efore cash is detoured

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Council member a hero to Little Leaguers

By Martin Snapp

HEROES



ALBANY CITY COUNCILMAN JON ELY is a little league um and volunteers his free time to maintain the baseball fields at

Library column

■ Whether a boon or a burden computers are definitely part of today's library. Page A5



Waterfront Work Day happens Sunday

Residents are invited to help weed and plant native wildflower and grasses during the Albany Waterfront Work Day, 10 a.m. to noon, Sunday. Residents should bring rakes and gloves and mee at the foot of Buchanan Street in the parking lot with the bird sculptures. The event will move to Jan. 19 in the event of heavy rain. The city has been holding work days for several years at the portion of the Bay Trail that was developed by the city. There will be light refreshments. For details call Judy Lieberman or Wendy Belvedere at 510-528-5766.

Many ways to help out around the city

El Cerrito

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. day

El Cerrito will celebrate the 14th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Program on Jan. 20. Those who wish to participate in the parade will gather at 9:30 a.m. at Kearney Street and Manila Avenue by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and proceed down San Pablo Avenue to the Community Center, at 7007 Moeser Lane. The program will begin at the community center at 11 a.m. Students from various elementary schools will share their art work and thoughts about peace, tolerance and diversity. And the community center will be transformed into an "MLK Art Museum" featuring art by elementary school-aged children. The theme of this year's program is "KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE . . . through peace, tolerance and diversity."

City Councilwoman Letitia Moore will be Master of Ceremonies. Sponsors include the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission, the St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in El Cerrito and the El Cerrito branchi of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Details: Patricia Durham, 510-234-2518.

Pasta dinner benefits soccer players

The second annual Friends of Girls' Soccer Pasta Dinner is set n. 25 at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. sere will be two seatings, the first from 5 to 7 p.m., the second

There will be two seatings, the first from 5 to 7 p.m., the second 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Local chef Jamal Jawad will prepare pasta with homemade meat and vegetable sauces. Salad, bread and dessert will also be served. Tickets are \$12 each or four for \$40 and may be purchased from El Cerrito High School girls' soccer players or by contacting Paula Lew at 510-525-3346 or paulalew@earthlink.net.

The goal of the event is improving the El Cerrito High School women's soccer program. Proceeds go toward junior varsity uniforms, an end-of-season banquet, trophies and coaching for goalies.

Snowbirds will head for Soda Springs

The city's recreation department has planned a snow trip to the Soda Springs Resort 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. There will be sledding, inner-tubing, snowman-making and other snow-related activities. The cost is \$45 for residents and \$56.25 for non-residents. Campers will receive a special rate. To sign up or obtain more information, call 510-215-4370.

Caterpillar Puppets stage a show

A free puppet show will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the El Cerrito Library, 6520 Stockton Ave. Called "A Mini Variety Show," it will be presented by Caterpillar Puppets. There will be door prizes. Free tickets are available at the library. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Kensington

Activity center hosts range of activities

The Kensington 55+ Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays at the Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Ave. Programs include coffee and snacks, massage therapy and blood pressure testing on the first Thursday of the month, as well as cultural, history or travel videos, meditation and relaxation techniques, \$2 or \$3 lunches, music programs and more. For details, call Virginia Walker at 510-526-9146 or 510-547-1969

'Happy Child' author will speak

Best selling author Steven Harrison discusses his new book, "The Happy Child: Changing the Heart of Education" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Contact Schuyler Mor-gan for details at 510-644-363 or e-mail crm1859@bn.com.

King celebration features 'The Meeting'

An imagined encounter between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X in a Harlem hotel is the subject of "The Meeting," an award-winning play by Jeff Stetson.

The play will be presented at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza, at 8 p.m. tonight.

Admission is \$3 for adults and free for seniors and high school students with identification. For details, call 510-620-6910 or 510-620-6904.

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ALBANY POLICE

Sunday, Dec. 29

- DISTURBANCE Officers at rested two people, a Berkeley m and a London man, in separate dences, for public intoxication at causing a disturbance.
- VEHICLE THEFT Unknown thieves stole a maroon '91 Toyota Camry from the lot at Golden Gate

Monday, Dec. 30

■ VEHICLE RECOVERED — Richmond police reported locating a blue '92 Honda Accord that had been stolen from Albany. The only damage was a missing battery. The owner was notified.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

■ DISTURBANCE — Officers contacted a 47-year-old Alameda maseen staggering near Washington enue and Madison Street. He there

EL CERRITO POLICE Sunday, Dec. 15

■ AUTO THEFT — Four juveniles were arrested by BART police at the Del Norte BART station at 1:20 p.m on suspicion of auto theft as they are the policy of t

Tuesday, Dec. 24

■ PRESENTS STOLEN — Christmas

PRESENTS Worth a total of \$60 were

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Wednesday, Dec. 25

Thursday, Dec. 26

OUTSTANDING WARRANT — A man was arrested at 8:30 a.m. on a outstanding warrant from the state Washington after police responded

■ VEHICLE STOLEN — A vehicle stolen from the 6100 block of Barre Avenue between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

- VEHICLE RECOVERED Richmond police reported locating a red '90 Honda Civic stolen from Albany. The car had not been damaged. The owner was potified

Thursday, Jan. 2

■ VEHICLE THEFT — At 4 p.m. a San Pablo woman reported that

Friday, Jan. 3

- EGG-THROWING A resident or the 1400 block of Sonoma Avenue re norted that vandals had egged his

■ VEHICLE THEFT — A Richm man was arrested on suspicion

Friday, Dec. 27

Saturday, Dec. 28

■ VEHICLE RECOVERED — A

■ VEHICLE THEFT — Police say a man stole his parents' car from the 800 block of Arlington Boulevard D 28. He was later arrested on suspicion of auto theft, and the vehicle w

■ VEHICLE THEFT — A 1991 Sa SL2 was stolen from the 600 block Everett Street between 7 p.m. Dec 27 and 10 a.m. the next day.

Saturday, Jan. 4

- DUI About 2 a.m. officers arrested a 49-year-old El Cerrito man near Gilman and 5th streets for DU
- THEFT At about 10 p.m. a vide store on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that two subjects had just stolen a DVD and fled north on San Pablo Avenue in a dark blue

Sunday, Jan. 5

- DUI Officers contacted a 38-year-old Albany woman on the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue for erratic dri-ring. She was found to be intoxicated and to have a no-bail warrant from Contra Costa County and was ar-
- VEHICLE THEFT A resident or the 700 block of Gateview Avenue re ported that thieves had stolen his

- BURGLARY About resident on the 1000 bl. Avenue reported that shapes and found things.

Summary

VEHICLE RECOVERED

Wednesday, Ja

■ VEHICLE BREAK-IN — compartment and trunk of Honda Accord on the 1300

Thursday, Jan

- VEHICLE THEFT A 18 ■ VEHICLE RECOVERED-
- VEHICLE THEFT A 19

Parnell's bail raised to \$575,000

STAFF WATER

OAKLAND — He wanted a 4year-old black boy who spoke
English, came with a birth certificate and had only one change of
clothing. He wanted the child at
7:30 p.m., Jan. 3, and he had saved
up the \$500 to buy him.

If it worked out, he said, he
wanted a little girl next.

After his arrest Friday night,
Kenneth Parnell admitted to police he tried to buy the boy but was
vague about why he wanted the
child. But a prosecutor said Tuesday that Parnell's past record of
kidnapping and sex abuse made
his motivation clear.

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pear in court ago with an atorney. Davis succeeded in getting Par-nell's bail increased from \$150,000 to \$575,000. After court, she hes-itated when asked if the frail Par-nell was a flight risk. "I think he's a threat to the

Pamper yourself

POPPY HERNES

block of Kearney Street between 6 b.m. Dec. 29 and 7:45 a.m. the next

Sunday, Dec. 29

■ VEHICLE THEFT — A 1989 Toyota

- Monday, Dec. 30 ■ VEHICLE BREAK-IN — An in-da stereo, speakers and amplifier were stolen from a Honda Prelude in the 400 block of Clayton Avenue betwe 60 p.m. Dec. 30 and 8 a.m. the next day. The driver's side window was
- VEHICLE RECOVERED A 1991
 Saturn that had been stolen in El Cerrito Dec. 29 was recovered in the 6500 block of Stockton Avenue at 12:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

- VEHICLE RECOVERED A 198
 Toyota Tercel that had been stolen in
 San Pablo Dec. 26 was recovered in
 the 2600 block of Tamalpais Avenue

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Farm-to-town

CHRISTINA ABUNA, left, of lbarra Cruz Farm in Gilroy bags up produce for Leonta Aramayo of Albany at the El Cerrito Plaza farmers market recently. In addition to checking out fresh produce, shoppers could enjoy the accordion playing of Richmond resident Mike James, who provided background music.



AO Schwarz: local location's closure a paradise lost

lbany's newest Citizen of the Year active indeed

re will be the first of FAO Inc. closes outffort to avoid banke world-famous toy
founded in 1862 by
migrant Frederick
o Schwarz. Previed by Holland's KBB
was bought a year
retailer Right Start
had gobbled the
hy stores only two
fore.



DAVE GREER

Man About Town
that meant so much to so many
fading away.
When I was a child, my
grandmother used to take me
to the FAO Schwarz store in
Boston. To me it was an enchanted place that seemed to
hold every toy a child could
want or imagine. One of its
main attractions was a model
pool where all sorts of little
boats breasted tiny waves.
There were motorboats, sailboats designed to really sail,
wind-up submarines that dived,
and seaplanes that taxied on
floats.

CLARA-RAE GENSER

push kids to go and kind of push them to want to go."

As a member of the League of Women Voters, she is on a committee that has been studying community colleges.

Her particular interest was Vista College, and the great discrepancy between it and the other colleges in the system. In Vista she notes the lack of lights, the lack lack of space. It was that, she says, that led her to join that committee. At the present time the committee is interested in the African-American students in community colleges.

When Skinner is in an organization, she is very much a part of it. Another of her groups is Prytanean, a women's honorary organization, which she was invited to join while a student at UC Berkeley. The organization gives awards every spring to women faculty members who do not have tenure yet, but who do outstanding work. For

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of these planes, a couple of tanks and a half track that are collector's items. I also had a large, pale-blue kite with a red "meatball" on it, like what the Navy flew off ships as a target for antiaircraft gunners.

Many of the best toys in the '30s were made in Germany and England. Toy making was an art in prewar Germany, and I still have some English lead soldiers that have never been equaled for quality. There was a heft, an integrity about these toys not found in the torrent of playthings now flooding the country.

If plastic existed in the 1930s and '40s, I don't recall its use in toys. Instead, many were constructed from tin or some other thin, stamped metal. (I had a few small American cars of hard rubber and some Italian ones of wood.) The Germans and the Japanese produced these metal toys as did we. A German artillery piece, armored car, and motorcyclist — all accurate reproductions of '30s equipment — somehow survived my childhood war games.

Humane society needs donations to stay afloat

Question left over from 2002:
namely, what happened with
Martin's battle with the rat?
Hallelujah! The rat is gone! And
without any bloodshed, either.
Following the Rat Lady's instructions, I set traps all over
the kitchen, baiting them with
everything that might suit a
rat's fancy. Alas, the rat was
too smart for them.

So I pulled out all the stops.
After opening the back door, I
flushed the little critter out of
its hiding place in the bookcase, right behind vols. 3 and 4
of Gibboris "Decline and Fall
of the Roman Empire."
It leaped out and made a beeline for the bedroom, but my cat
Phoebe headed it off at the pass.
So it made a quick zigzag and
zipped right out the back door,
never to be seen again.
Which is just fine with me.
I'm glad I didn't have to kill it.
Iwish it a long life — just as
long as it stays out of my
home. The only animals I want
around here are the kind that
say "meow" and "arf."

Speaking of cats and dogs,
last fall Berkeley Noters passed
Measure I, which funds a new
shelter for Berkeley Animal
Control.
Unfortunately, that's only
half the battle, because Animal
Control is only half the solution. The other half, the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society,
still needs help.

Many people are confused
about the difference between
an animal control agency and a
humane society. Animal Control is in charge of rounding up
strays, investigating cases of
animal abuse, and providing a
temporary home for lost pets
until their owners come to
claim them. It's part of the city
government, funded by taxpayer money.

But what about those poor
animals who are truly homeless? How do they find new
homes? That's where a humane
society — sometimes it's the
SPCA — comes in. It's funded
by private donations, and it has
only one purpose: to serve as
an adoption agency for homeless cats and dogs. This is
something Animal Control isn't
equipped to do in a big way.
Without the Humane Society
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EDITORIAL

Law, and police, worked

IT MIGHT SEEM STRANGE or even outrageous that Berkeley neighbors did not know that infamous kidnapper Kenneth Eugene Parnell was living in their midst — until he was arrested on suspicion of trying to buy a child last week. In our mobile society, even those of us living in neighboring cities might have preferred to know he was there. In our crowded and fragmented society, many of us don't know the name of the guy across the street or next door, and we really have no idea what sort of activities — wholesome or not — go on behind all those closed front doors. The era of the small town and isolated village, for better or worse, is far behind us.

We fear that all our efforts toward getting to know our neighbors may not be enough. There are just too many people to get to know them all.

Parnell was a known quantity in some ways, though, to his neighbors. They knew him as "Gene," and recall him letting them know if he saw suspicious activities around their vehicles.

He also was a known quantity to police. They knew him as a convicted kidnapper who took 7-year-old Steven Stayner away from his family in 1972 and kept him for seven years, frequently sexually abusing him, until the boy escaped. His abductor had taken another child, and the teenage Steven didn't want that boy to go through what he had

teenage Steven didn't want that boy to go through what he had.

Parnell's case, however, didn't meet the specific criteria outlined by Megan's Law, which gives police the right to notify neighbors when someone of such unsavory background is among them. Because he had not been sent back to prison in the past five years, he was considered only a "serious" sex offender but not a "high-risk" one.

Instead, police kept an eye on him and, when he gave them reason to believe he was going back to his old ways, they moved quickly.

On Tuesday Parnell was arraigned on three felony counts connected with trying to buy a child. If convicted, he could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Outrageous as it might seem at first, it looks as though the law was followed as written, and the police still accomplished what they always hope to: stopping a crime before someone is hurt.

They had set a trap for Parnell and say they have him on tape making the request to buy a 4-year-old boy. But no child was ever actually involved, they say.

The case also highlights the limits of the law and the need for all of us to be involved and informed, particularly if we don't like those limits and want the law changed.

The case reminds us of the risks of living in a mobile, crowded and fragmented society — and the causes of that are much harder to change.

The gift of theater

WHO HAS TIME to bemoan the passing of the holidays when January brings the gift of new productions from three highly regarded, local community theaters?

Next week three of them have simultaneous opening nights. Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito will have "Over the River and Through the Woods," the Masquers in Point Richmond will do "Pack of Lies" and the Pinole Community Players will stage "A Few Good Men."

"Over the River" is a comedy set in an Italian-American household. "Pack of Lies" is about a suburban family who let the government spy on their neighbors. And "A Few Good Men" is a taut, courtroom drama about a killing on a U.S. Marine base.

They all promise a satisfying night at the theater. But that's the main problem: They all open on the same night.

night.
What's a community theatergoer to do? It's worse than the recent glut of must-see movies that has recently descended on the cineplexes.
The plays' runs are shorter, just a few weekends, and we can't catch up with live theater performances later on DVD.

But if you look closely (check Jack Tucker's theater column in this issue), you'll see that the schedule of evenings and matinees, with more than one performance a weekend, can just possibly be juggled.

So get out your pocket calendars. It's showtime.



JEFF HANSEN . HILLS NEWSPAPERS

TIME MARCHES ON

ANOTHER NEW YEAR ALREADY. 1978 WRITING I'M STILL ON MY CHECKS.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cut cannabis crusade

Don't blame 'eco-freaks'

Don't blame 'eco-freaks'

In his Dec. 20 letter, Sidney Steinberg insisted we should "blame the eco-freaks" for freeway gridlock, because we can't construct 10 lanes over the "ugly, filthy Bay swamps that are teeming with disease-carrying rodents and insects."

Steinberg needs to get real. A swamp is a trapped, stagnant body of water. What we have here are tidal wetlands that are contiguous with the ocean, flushed and purified twice a day by the tides.

If you actually look, and really notice this place where we live, you'll see herons, egrets and loons there, and the beautiful play of light on the waters. You'll see families walking along trails, enjoying all of this. And, no, we are not beset by swarms of diseased rats and insects.

I have news for Steinberg and his lik. We live along the shores of a bay! You can build 50 lanes of freeways out into the tidal wetlands, conveying us to the bridge and interchange bottlenecks, but another "ugly, filthy" wetlands will inevitably form along whatever mass of concrete you choose to construct.

Anyone who prefers looking at freeways rather than a bay shore will be much happier living in San Jose or Southern California, where there is unlimited development and recently built freeways. Guess what, though? The housing there is also expensive and the freeways are still congested.

It's also worth mentioning that California cannot now afford enormous new freeway projects because we were all robbed of billions of dollars by unpunished conservative criminals posing as energy providers. That is the real world.

Kyle Kosup Albany

Need more ferries

Your Dec. 27 editorial on transporta-tion woes and the need for rethinking our

public transit systems was accurate.
Congestion is the No. 1 problem facing the Bay Area; most traffic remedies are pricey and limited by how much they reduce congestion. With transportation funding at an all-time low, it's encouraging to see our state Legislature considering increasing bridge tolls to finance new alternatives for relieving traffic congestion. It's apparent traditional modes of transit aren't the solution.

The Bay Area's only logical alternative is expanded ferry service. In Albany and Berkeley, with the most congested freeway corridor in the entire Bay Area — Interstate 80 — we are in dire need of alternatives. Transportation planners are finally beginning to support expanded ferry service as an inexpensive and obvious solution.

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ferry service as an inexpensive and ouvious solution.

Ferries offer the most reasonable and
popular solution for traffic/smog reduction, given our area's easy access to water. Seattle, New York and Sydney, Australia, are examples of how ferries are
economically sound, environmentally
friendly, and a wise public investment
that flexibly augments existing transit
systems. In these cities, ferries are the
backbones of regional transit systems and
they are seamlessly connected to an efficient bus system.

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Linda Perry
Berkeley
Holan is a member of Friends of the
Albany Ferry and Perry is with the Berkeley Ferry Committee.

A secret plan?

A secret plan?

A lot of us leftish types here in Berkeley have to grudgingly admit that the Bush administration has handled some big crises rather well, and even has gotten tough with its natural corporate constituency.

So we lefties just can't believe the Bush administration is going to throw away all that political advantage by getting us into a bloody and costly war with Iraq — especially given the bad state of the economy and recalling what happened to another Bush after the last Gulf War.

There has to be some secret plan. Right? Condoleezza Rice used to be at Stanford; Berkeley people know that

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Parking is a privilege

With amusement, and some a ance, I read Rhoda Alvarez's letter 27) lamenting her Albany parking Alvarez should be aware that ley is infamous for collecting paticket revenue to bolster its bloate.

Peter Camp

Radical in disguise

Who would have thought someon middle-of-the-road should turn out to radical and aggressive.

In the midst of a recession, Bush neuvers the greatest tax giveaway to wealthiest 1 percent of the populal This creates a huge deficit threate Social Security and other governmorgrams for the general welfare. In he initiates class warfare, the externation probably has never before the seen.

ng holiday best shared with others

IE DAY WHEN I was a tudent at Portola Junior ligh School, I noticed third of my classmates sent from my PE class. I dea why. A girl at a coker explained that it Martin Luther King Jr.'s, and those absent were gin favor of making the liday.

ay. ident has stuck with ime, so obviously it



BETTY KING BUGINAS

Schools

State University today."

Or Contra Costa College instructor Shareef Nasir, who called on those gathered for the 2001 celebration to carry on the legacy of Dr. King by having "the strength to do what's right."

Congressman George Miller noted at the 2000 celebration that it was great so many people brought children with them. What's even better is that the following two years even more children participated. That was no accident. Organizers of the event have made an increasing effort to contact nearby schools to let them know about the event, encouraging students to perform, to join the march and attend the program, and to prepare projects for display at the program.

Coordinator Patricia Durham says there will be an even greater presence by young peòple at the 2003 event, which will be held Jan. 20. Durham said she discovered many children don't know who Dr. King was. Involvement in the celebration is

a way of sparking interest in learning more about him.
"It's about keeping the dream alive," explains Durham.
The event will begin at 9:30 a.m., when everyone interested in joining in the march is invited to assemble in the parking lot of the Department of Motor Vehicles at Kearney and Manila streets. This year, for the first time, this first step of the event will include refreshments and entertainment.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m., ending at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, where the rally and program begin at 11 a.m.

Participants in this year's event will include Toeseits.

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Participants in this year's event will include El Cerrito High student Subhani, the Prescott Clown Troupe from Prescott Elementary School in Oakland, Dance Theater of the Gospel from Beacon Light Seventh Day Adventist Church in Richmond, Castro and Harding elementary school students, the music team from New Life Church in El Cerrito, ballet and praise dancers from Sonjay's Productions, and a group from Independent Community Church in Richmond.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Feb. 2: Albany Clear Up Day, 10 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Avenue. Bring gloves, rags, heavy-duty trash bags as we clean up our town and carry on the tradition of the late, great Dario Meniketti.

Dario Meniketti.
Saturday, Feb. 22: Albany
Day at the Races. Sponsored by
Golden Gate Fields and the
Albany Chamber of Commerce.
For ticket information call: 510525-1771, or e-mail us at: albany
chamber@bigplanet.com

Love 'em or not, computers are here

Quote of the week:
"Tve just heard on the wireless that there's no point in writing books any more because the
electric brain can do it better. I'm
all for it as long as I don't have
to read the Brain's effusions ..."
— Nancy Mitford 1904-73:
letter 7 October 1967



JULIE WINKELSTEIN

what's there. It is definitely not the same.

READER REVIEW: Today's book review is from Sojeila and the book is "Disgrace" by J.M. Coetze. This adult fiction is about "a man and how his choices affect his life and relationships and the ways in which our lives are affected by events and powers outside of our control." Words she would use to describe the book are "flawless, heartbreaking and empathetic." She recommends it because "Coetze writes about the very worst choices people make in a way that is unflinching yet sympathetic."

Questions? Comments? I can be

NY CHAMBER NOTES

objects roamed with im-o and down the main Albany one warm Sun-ing recently. According ewitness report, they north on San Pablo Av-ting buildings and walls objects, laughing and on as though having a time.

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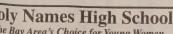
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imagined what kind of furniture the characters might use.

The lighting and colors are also important. It has a mix of lighting and colors so that the set can become lively or somber depending through lighting changes.

Much of Manske's work involves coordinating volunteer efforts. That involves training anyone, including children, to do the work involved to make sure the auditorium and stage is set up properly.

In the process, "it's a good opportunity for people to come together and create close friendships, and it kind of becomes a family," he said.

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Katie Bonacini, a freshman at Bentley High School in Lafayette,

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Councilwoman Janet Abelson said the city needs to look at all of its priorities, spend money wisely and not focus on one particular need. With the allocation of the gas tax and Measure C money, the city will spend a total of \$3.9 million on road repair and other traffic-related projects this year.

Parks

Street

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The Parks commission said it mad blueprint for how to do improvements at city parks, said parks commission member Bart Grossman.

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but there's no overall road map," he said. "And I think the community has been feeling more and more that we need that kind of broad perspective to make decisions."

City sets amnesty period on business tax penalti

City plans to pursue delinquent firms that don't take advantage of the amnesty to pay back taxes

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WARTER

EL CERRITO — Business owners who have failed to pay their license tax for the last three years will have until the end of March to pay up without any penalties.

The City Council granted a three-month amnesty to delinquent businesses, which began Monday, Jan. 6.

Business owners can file the license and pay the fees at City

Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. at Manila Avenue, and can find out from city staff how much the business owner sand "casual businesses," such as consultants who make less owner saved thanks to the waived penalties. Business owners unsure of whether they are up to date with their tax can call the city's financial services manager Brian foster. However, fine arts teachers as consultants who make less owner saved thanks to the tax or have the city do it.

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Berkeley mayor fined for election misbehavior

Mayor Tom Bates pleaded guilty to petty theft and was fined \$100 Wednesday for trashing 1,000 copies of the UC Berkeley campus newspaper that endorsed his opponent one day before the election last November.

Bates' attorney, Malcolm Burnstein, entered the plea for

wspapers.
The incident occurred in

Ely

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Two weeks later, Opening Day arrived. A lot of VIPs were being introduced to the crowd and Rosenblum heard the announcer say, "Please welcome the Honorable Jon Ely, member of the Albany City Council." To his astonishment, out walked the same umpire-groundskeeper he'd met two weeks before.

"City councilmen picking up trash after Little League games," Rosenblum said to himself. "This is a pretty cool little town I've moved into!"

Jon Ely has been tending playing fields and umpiring games — seven days a week during baseball season, three or four days a week during the rest of the year — ever since his eldest son, Frank, grew old enough for Little League three years ago.

Every day, he races back to the East Bay from his job as a supervisor at BCCI Construction in San Francisco, trying to beat the tush-hour crunch so he can get to the ball field before the kids do. If he gets stuck in traffic, his wife, Alice, fills in until he arrives.

Most of the kids don't know he's a city council man; they just know him as an umpire who is, as Avi puts it, "very, very fair."

Ely was born and raised in Berkeley, He was 18 years old when he met the love of his life, Alice Albright. It was 1979, and they were both freshmen at Cal State-Hayward.

"I was walking across the quad with some girlfriends, and I saw him walking toward us

"This meeting will be the second public meeting specifically to talk about the ordinance and at that point hopefully we can decide if we will move forward and do the two studies needed by the county," Feldman said.

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a Porsche."
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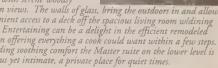
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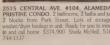
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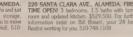


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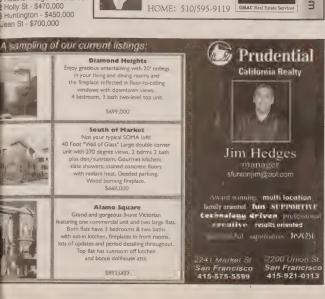
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1400 Carpentier 332 - \$398,500
731 Jubilee Ln - \$540,000
1584 Manzanita Av - \$360,000
14310 Merced St - \$350,000
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14310 Midland Rd - \$273,000
2006 Pelican Wy - \$630,000
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TOTAL SALES: 2 LOWEST PRICE: \$330,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$415,000

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TOTAL SALES: 17 LOWEST PRICE: \$335,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,671,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$403,500 AVERAGE PRICE: \$577,353

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TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$397,500 HIGHEST PRICE: \$572,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$490,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$486,500

TOTAL SALES: 6 LOWEST PRICE: \$195,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$410,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$315,000

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Gauchos not hurt by layoff

By Orlando Molina

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BSAL NOTEBOOK

Albany finally tops Kennedy

By Scott Strain

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T LOOKS LIKE Albany High
School is going to party like
there's no tomorrow.
The Cougars, behind Danny
Ho and Matt Ball who scored
12 points apiece, defeated
Kennedy-Richmond 57-55 for
their first victory over the Eagles in four years.
Albany (5-8, 1-0 Bay Shore
Athletic League) took a 20-13
lead in the first quarter and
never let go, even when
Kennedy outscored the
Cougars 21-16 in the final
quarter to make it close.
Devin Peal scored 28 points

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Media Notes

Yellow Jackets keep rolling with win over Foothi

By Curtis Pashelka

Whether the Berkeley High School boys soccer team is the best in the North Coast Section may be the subject of some debate. The Yellow Jackets, however, have made a lot of skeptics into believers the past two weeks. Berkeley scored two goals in the first half and received a brilliant individual effort from Kamani Hill for a third to beat

PREP ROUNDUP

Foothill 3-1 and win the Winter Soccer Classic at Newark Memorial High School on Monday. The Yellow Jackets (11-2-1) won all five of their tournament games, outscoring the opposition by a total of 16-7, and now may be considered early favorites to win the NCS 3A title.

"This tournament showed

everybody what we're about," said Hill, who also assisted on the eventual game-winning goal by Giovanni Garcia in the first half. "We are one of if not the best teams out here. I think we proved that in this tournament by scoring at least three goals in every game."

Berkeley opened the scoring in the 13th minute as a streaking John O'Leary crossed a pass to Khalil Davies, who one-timed the ball past Foothill (8-1-5) goalkeeper

Girls

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wist hade 1 wist there are options everywhere. Pick your poison."

Without the benefit of a home game, the Highlanders have accumulated a 10-1 record. But it is possible for St. Mary's and Kennedy to throw a monkey wrench into Piedmont's plans.

The two squade may not have

"This team is producing as well or better than last year," he said. "We have a good chance to win league."

Albany

- COACH: Yvonne Arnold, second
- 2001-02 RECORD: 6-14, 1-12

- TOP RETURNEES: G Stephanie Wissler, Sr.; PG Jodi Nagakura, Jr.; C Ceciley Johnson, So.; F Jessey
- KEY NEWCOMERS: G Rebecca Pickus, Fr.; F Carrissa Hsieh, Fr. KEYLOSS: C Maria Martinez

- TOP RETURNEES: F Nicci Byrne Sr.; C Opal Williams, Sr.; PG Simone
- KEY NEWCOMERS: F Kim Byrne So.; G Serena Farinas, So.; G Can-
- KEY LOSSES: G Tawny Henderson, G Michelle Taniguchi, G Adriana

- CO-COACHES: Harry Campbell fourth season; J.C. Farr, first season
- 2001-02 RECORD: 26-4, 12-0
- KEY NEWCOMER: C Byresha
- KEY LOSSES: PG Gernay Mont

St. Mary's

- COACH: Don Lawson, eighth sea
- 2001-02 RECORD: 21-9, 12-1
- KEY NEWCOMERS: G Nicole Thompson, Jr.; G Christina John Fresh.; C Courtney Dunn, Fr.; F Christina Thomas, Fr.

Salesian

- COACH: Steve Cuevas, seve
- 2001-02 RECORD: 16-10, 8-5
- TOP RETURNEES: F Imani Dhahabu, Jr.; F Kelsea Wilks, Jr.; G Arrielle Salvador, Jr.; F Maxine Lucas, Sr.; PG Karrah Thomas, Sr.
- KEY LOSS: F Lisa Marchini

ON DECK

Prep boys basketball

Hercules at El Cerrito, 4 p.m. to day— The Titans have their work cut

Prep girls basketball

St. Mary's at Holy Names, Tues day, 7 p.m. — The Panthers face a Holy Names squad which has been impressive this season, including a 65-29 win over St. Joseph to open the BSAL season.

Prep boys soccer

El Cerrito at Berkeley, Tuesday, 5 p.m. — The Gauchos get their first shot at ACCAL leader Berkeley, which recently won the prestigious Winter Soccer Classic

Girls soccer

Pledmont at St. Mary's, 3:30 p.m. today — The Panthers have a very tough opening BSAL assignme — the Highlanders are undefeated i BSAL regular-season games since the league started two seasons ago

Prep wrestling

Stars of the week

Brawl

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ern California high school bas-ketball fan site.

fans.
Hercules coach Mark Olivier
said Berkeley brought "good
kids" to the game and described
Berkeley coach Mike Gragnani

Boys

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El Cerrito and Carlsbad this season, while its losses include two to De La Salle and one to Bishop O'Dowd.
"St. Joseph has a strong core of returners, had a strong schedule (so far this season) and seemed to do well with it." Kennedy coach Dave Manson said.

Here's a look at the teams

Albany

- HEAD COACH: Doug Kagawa
- 2001-02 RECORD: 4-21, 2-10
- TOP RETURNEES: F Sam Laird, Sr.; PG Danny Ho, Sr.; SG Matt Ball Sr.; F Matt Hansen, Sr.; C Brandon Hinchee, Jr.; G Eddie Izumizaki, Jr. TOP NEWCOMERS: F Nick Gold
- KEY LOSSES: None

John Swett

- 2001-02 RECORD: 1-23, 0-12
- TOP RETURNEES: F Jason Brown, Sr.; PG Mark Rizarri, Sr.; G Jeremy Horton, Jr.

 TOP NEWCOMERS: G Dwight
 Neal, Sr.; G Roy Vilavencencio, Jr. C
 Chaz Moges, Sr., F Anthony Parrish,
- KEY LOSSES: None

Kennedy

- HEAD COACH: Dave Manson,
- 2001-02 RECORD: 17-12, 10-2

- BSAL

 TOP RETURNEES: SG Devin Peal, Sr.;
 Schehus Dozier, Ir., G Shahad Wright, Sr.
- PG Joshua Dozier, Jr., G Snanau Tragan.

 TOP NEWCOMERS: C
 Deavereaux Vinzant, Sr. G Terrence

Piedmont

- HEAD COACH: Chris Lavdiotis ■ 2001-02 RECORD: 15-13, 4-7
- TOP RETURNEES: SG Eric Flato
- TOP NETURNAL

 Jr; PG Paul Griego, Sr.

 TOP NEWCOMERS: C/PF Brandon
 Paris, Jr. (transfer): F Nick Lucas, Jr.;
 G/F Andrew Goldstein, Sr. (transfer):
 PF/C David Tovani, Jr.; G Troy Cole, So.

 KEY LOSSES: F Mac Scott, C

 David Bucci, F Dennis Guiney, F Isaac

St. Elizabeth

- first season

 2001-02 RECORD: 8-18, 3-8 BSAI

 TOP RETURNEES: SF Miguel Daggs
 Sr; PF Charles Dunn, Sr; PG/SG Marlo
 Johnson, Jr; C Joseph LaChaux, Jr.

 TOP NEWCOMER: PG/SG Marlo
- KEY LOSSES:None

- HEAD COACH: Maurice Horton
- first season

 2001-02 RECORD: 21-7, 8-3 BSAL

 TOP RETURNEES: F Cameron
 Quick, Sr.; C Kevin Neveu, Sr.; G Marcel Manzanares, Sr.; F Ronald Lewis, Jr.

 TOP NEWCOMERS: SG Alex Har-

St. Mary's

- HEAD COACH: Manny Nodar, first
- 2001-02 RECORD: 28-4, 11-0
- TOP NEWCOMERS: SF Ed Wright, Jr.; PG Jordan Thurston, So.
- KEY LOSSES: G DaShawn Freman, G John Sharper, G/F Chase

St. Patrick

- HEAD COACH: Andrew Stray
- 2001-02 RECORD: 15-16, 5-7
- TOP RETURNEES: G Jonathan Wilson, Sr.; G Carlo Umadhay, Sr.; F
- KEY LOSSES: G Vinny Bue

- Salesian ■ HEAD COACH: Bill Mellis, fifth
- 2001-02 RECORD: 22-11, 9-3
- TOP RETURNEES: F Kevin
 Richardson, Sr.; F Keith Thornton, Sr.
 G Toussaint Taylor, Sr.; G Eric Shelton, Jr.; G Marcus Carson, So.
- EKEY LOSSES: Brandon Jones, Derek Payne, John Winston (transfer), Jerryck Owens-Murrey (transfer), Russ Murrey (transfer)

ACCAL FROM PAGE 1

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the 80th minute. Jaime Alejandro drew a free kick and curled
in a shot past the El Cerrito
wall for the team's only score.
Although the winter break
did not put much rust in El
Cerrito's game, it did hurt De
Anza.

"It really affected us. Lots of
our players went on vacation
and it put us back on development," Dons coach Marquez
Dillard said. "We held practices inside (when it rained),

half.

BASKETBALL: The ACCAL
Tuesday with

As for the boys, Pinole Valley overcame Alameda 63-61 in the league opener.

Thomas DeCoud scored a game-high 23 points to lead it Spartans. Jeremy Timms led the Hornets with 13 points. Encinal continues its hot start, earning its first league win by defeating De Anza 71-43. The Jets used 25-point second quarter to take a 40-20 halftime advantage.

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FROM PAGE 1 (for both teams), but have played a difficult nonleague schedule. Plus they have a new coach in Maurice Horton, the former JV head man and assis

st. Mary's has a new coach in Manny Nodar.

coming off a tournament cham-pionship in the Surf & Slam in

n Diego over the break. HOME, SWEET HOME: The

HOMÉ, SWEET HOME: The Piedmont girls basketball team played its first home game of the season Tuesday night, defeating St. Elizabeth 78-39 as the Paris sisters, Ashley and Courtney, combined for 47 points and 49 rebounds.

The Highlanders (12-2) had played their first 13 games on the road from Kelseyville to Arizona and points in between. To play at home for the first time and in front of a near capacity crowd was a little daunting and a little confusing.

"Usually we gather together about four hours before the game to meet and discuss strategy," Piedmont coach Bryan

Gardere said. "Then we leave. For this (St. Elizabeth) game, we met 90 minutes before game time. It was strange."
For Courtney Paris, it was something new. "This was exciting," she said. "We had a large crowd here to watch us, but there wasn't any pressure. We wanted to do well."
Gardere, in his first year of coaching the Highlanders, is assisted by former Cal and Yale head coach Dick Kuchen.



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heady, happy jumble of thought and
storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a
sane and breathtakingly creative film.
Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan
Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to
film, with Nicolas Cage doing double
duty as the tortured screenwriter and
his more successful twin brother. Add
to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things,
and an Oscar-worthy performance by
Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M.
Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some
drug use and violent images.) 1 hour,
52 minutes. A
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"EMPIRE": An oft-told tale of drugs
and power, with the inevitable rise
and fall of a crime kingpin. This is a
Latino version of a story that 'The
Godfather' told with Italians. Vic,
played by John Leguizamo in full Al
Pacino mode, is the thug with that
special blend of street smarts, greed
opportunism and thirst for revenge.
The move is about the turf war be-

"FAR FROM HEAVEN": Perhaps only one filmmaker a year finds a new way to make our mouths hang open. This year, it is writer/director Todd Haynes, who bravely attacks our ennul with the last weacon we might have ex-

THE LION KING," IMAX: The Dis-ney animated classic comes to the

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Act 1 and 2 2128 Center Street Berkeley 510-843-3456 •Bowling for Columbine (R) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 •Talk to Her (R) 11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10. Albany Twin

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1115 Solano Ave Albany 510-843-3456

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3:30, 10:30, 11:15. Two Weeks Notice 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20 The Wild Thornberrys Movie (PG) 12:05

California Theatre 2113 Kittredge St. Berkeley 510-843-3456 •25th Hour (R) 1, 3:55, 5, 7, 8, 9:45. •About Schmidt (R) 1:15, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20. •Spirited Away (PG) 2.

Chabot Space & Science Center *

The Human Body (Not Rated) 11:30,

Eimwood 3

2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530 •8 Mile (R) 9:10. •Mostly Martha (PG) 4:45, 9. •Punch-Drunk Love (R) 5:15, 9:20. •Rivers and Tides (Not Rated) 7. •Standing in Shadows of Motown 4:40

Fine Arts Cinema 2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143

Renaissance Grand Lake •About Schmidt (R) 1, 4:15, 7, 9:45. •Catch Me If You Can 12:15, 3:15, 6:30,

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Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Ave Berkeley 510-526-1836 •Gangs of New York (R) 7:15. •Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7, 9:15.

Parkway Theater
1834 Park Blvd Oakland 510-814-2400
•Die Another Day (PG-13) 9:15.
•Frida (R) 7, 9:45
•My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 6:30

Piedmont Theatre
4186 P edmont Ave, Oakland 510-843-3456
•Adaptation (R) 11-50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30,
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9:45. •Wild Thornberrys Movie (PG) 1:20, 3:20,

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5 Secrets (PG) 7:30.
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Renaissance Park Theatre Golden Gate Way, Lafayette ngs of New York (R) 7:30.

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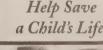
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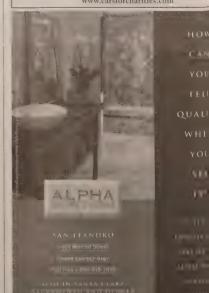
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Reception, Jan. 15, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510:339-0348

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HENITAGE SQUARE BUILDING — 'Surface Matters," Jan. 13 through Feb. 8. An exhibition of paintings by 13 Bay Area artists.

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Goleman, Jan. 13. The author about "Destructive Emotions."
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AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the an-

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Emotional residue

PERFORMANCE ARTIST KAREN FINLEY, no stranger to controversy, is again approaching a touchy subject in her latest work — the aftermath of 9/11. "The Distribution of Empathy," opening next week, weaves her experiences after the attacks with those of New York's in a performance that touches on everything from sorrow to sexual tension. Karen Finley performs "The Distribution of Empathy" 8 p.m. Tuesday through Jan. 17, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at Berkeley Rep's Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley, Tickets are \$25-\$30. Contact 510-647-2949 or www.berkeleyrep.org.







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Stephanie Snyder: Hamakon (The Place)," through Feb. 16. A mixed-ma dia installation examining the intersortion of sacred space, religious practice and historical memory.

Sharing the Screen: Israelis and Palestinians in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival," through Feb. 16. A cinematic exhibition featuring a dozen film excerpts exploring Jewish-Arab and Israeli-Palestinian themes.

ECOND SUNDAYS — A series of programs that begin at 2 p.m. Free with museum admission.

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eb. 9: Panel Discussion: The Architecting of Linkels.

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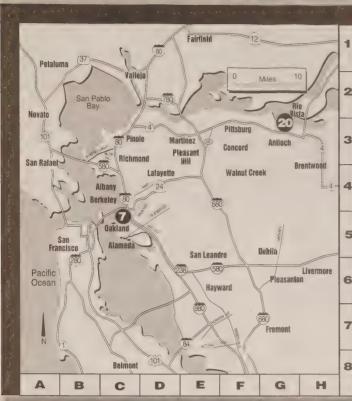
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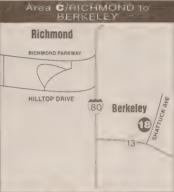
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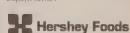
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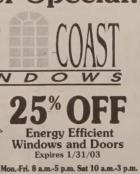
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A. a Hungarian cherry torte
B. the Hamburg-born host of
'Gruner's Kuche."
C. an Austrian wine
D. the new menu on Lufthansa
3. What is pimenton de la

A. A food coloring derived from

Icanic ash

B. A type of saffron

C. Horsemeat marinated with

ves
D. A smoky paprika from Spain
at's all the rage with chefs
4. Matsutake is ...
A. an earthy mushroom
B. a rare white tea
C. a popular contestant on "Iron

ke selection

5. Verjus is ...

A. the juice of unripe fruit

B. a sauce made from beef drip

pings C. the forerunner of today's

9. Environmentally speaking, which two of the following fish

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D. Farmed catfish 10. In a French or Franco-American restaurant, an amuse or amuse bouche is ...
A. the pastry chef's dessert of the day

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B. a complimentary tidbit served before the meal.
C. bubble tea.
D. the name waiters give Americans who try to speak French.
11. What do Angel Feat, Bermuda Triangle, Suma Cholmes and Capricious have in common?
A. All made an appearance on the menu at Churchill Downs this year.

year. B. They are the names of wines from Sonoma's newest winery, Phyl

n Sonomas... Farms. C. Each is an award-winning

Dow-fat meat.

12. America may be the land of plenty, but which of the following two crops each has just a single grower in the U.S.?

A. Macadamia nuts

E. Tea
13. Which cocktail does 007
i to his list of favorite libations
he new James Bond film, "Die
ther Day?"

A. Americano

C. Mojito
D. Shirley Temple
14. Coca-Cola remains the No.
1 soft drink in the U.S. In 1887,
what did Atlanta pharmacist John
Pemberton receive from Asa Candler, a wholesale druggist, in exchange for the Coca-Cola soft
drink formula?
A. An acre of prime downtown
real estate

percent of the company s profits
C. \$2,300
D. The Pepsi soft drink formula
15. Mexican food is growing
in popularity across the U.S. One
of Mexico's favorite snacks is
pepitas. It is made by roasting
and salting the seeds of what fruit
or vegetable?

D. Pomegranate

16. What is licuado?

A. The surname of the latest Rick apless apprentice to launch a statement.

B. Jamie Oliver, "The Naked

Nigella Lawson, "Stirring In

ara Moulton, "Sara and Vic-

C. Switched to a new cooking

Decker
B. A slicer for vegetables
C. A special hand mixer created
r the Grand Ole Opry
D. A popular French tea cake
22. Given the nasty conseuences of E. coli and other miobes, how do you make sure a
urger is safe to eat?
A. Cook that baby until it is as
ard and gray as the expressway.

B. Cross your fingers and say, "Medium rare, please."
C. Finally buy an instant-read thermometer so you know when the patty reaches 160 degrees.
D. Freeze all hamburger, then

ritiers.

D. He had a lot to say about rench "grande cuisine" just as it as expanding beyond the aristoracy and into the new middle asses at the end of the 18th cen-

tury.

24. Eventually, Americans are likely to have to learn the metric system. But why are Celsius temperatures so much lower than degrees Fahrenheit?

A. Europe's historically poor central heating

B. Europe's historically cool summers

onths.

B. wine made from grapes that oze in the vineyard.

C. a punch made with white ne popular during the holidays.

D. a Canadian wine from the

oan. D. an Asian plum that goes into

tools has found its way into the hands of savvy cooks?

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